

# *Life and Service*

A Celebration of

*James Michael Bilbo*

*"Mike the Barber"*

*"Pops"*

*June 13, 1948 ~ September 3, 2012*

**Wednesday, September 12, 2012**

**11:00 am**

*Fuller Funeral Home*

*3100 Cutting Blvd., Richmond, CA*

*Rev. Johnnie Clark, Officiating*



*The Scroll of Life*  
"James Michael Bilbo"

On June 13, 1948, a great son was born to the late Jimmy James and Lou Ellen Bilbo and named him James Michael. James was the oldest of two boys. At an early age his mother Lou Ellen introduced him to Jesus Christ. He was a member of Evergreen Baptist church and also worshipped at St. John MB Church in Richmond CA. as a child. However, for the past six years he began fellowship at Living Word Christian Center in Lathrop CA.

Mike received his education throughout the Richmond Unified School District. After graduating high school he received his Barbering License from Molars Barber College in Oakland CA. Mike as we all knew him, worked for various barber shops until he was drafted into the United States Army in 1968. Mike's love and passion was Fishing, raising Pit Bulls, and Cutting Hair. Mike was a family man who loved traveling as long as he wasn't driving; he was always first in the car. Mike was full of laughter and was always ready to eat "What's for dinner tonight Babe" was his favorite question to ask and he did it with a smile.

Mike left us on September 3, 2012, and he was welcomed home by his Parents, Big Moma and his sister Beverly with open arms. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife Charlotte (Chalee) Bilbo of twenty-two years, daughters: Renita (Steven) Hill of Oakland, Joi Deda (J-Baby) James Bilbo of Stockton, CA, and Brandy Lyles of Richmond, CA; Sons: James (Pee Wee) Michael Bilbo, Jr. (Charlene) of Fairfield, CA; Jovonne Ramon (Geo) Bilbo of Antioch, CA, Pierre Webster of Benicia, CA, Larry Perkins of Fairfield, CA and Alan (Mook) Flemons of Las Vegas, NV; 13 Grandchildren, 1 Great Grandchild and 1 on the way. Mother in Law: Daneitha (Dianna) Adams-Sharpe of Richmond, CA and Grandmother in Law: Ernestine Adams-Perkins of Richmond, CA; Brother Gerald Ray (Pamela), Bilbo of Richmond, CA; Sister-in-Laws: KyOshia Brooks of Norfolk, VA and Lawanna Marie J. Campbell of Richmond, CA; Brother-in-Laws: John H. Johnson, III of Sacramento, CA and Kahrluhs Vaughn of Stockton, CA. Mike also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

"We Loved You....But God Loved You Best!"

*A Celebration of Life and Service*  
*"James Micahel Bilbo*  
*Order of Service*

Musical Prelude.....Musician

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Invocation.....Rev. Lummie Hearn,  
Pastor, St. Peter CME Church, El Cerrito, CA

*Reading of the Holy Scriptures:*

Old and New Testament.....Rev. Brenda Sharp, MDiv  
Pastor, Riley Chapel CME Church, Oakland, CA

Selection....."Nobody Greater".....Kathy Mills.

Cards and Condolences.....Word Assembly Representative

Expressions.....(2 minutes please).....Family and Friends

Obituary.....Read Silently

Selection....."Never Alone".....Kathy Mills

Eulogy.....Rev. Johnnie Clark  
Pastor, Living Word Ministries, Lathorp, CA

Recessional.....Clergy, Family and friends

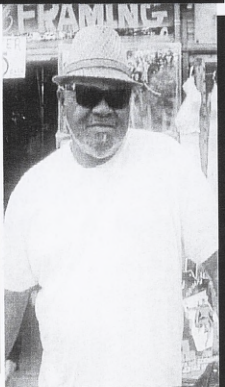
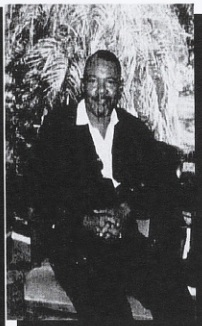
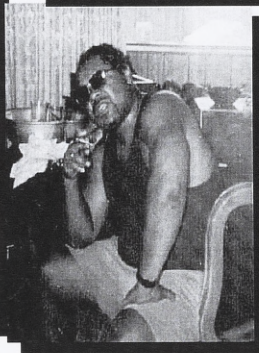
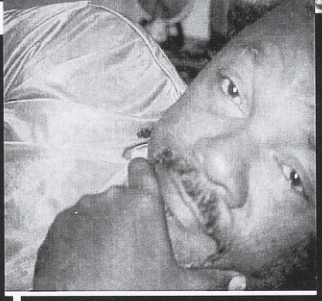
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Rolling Hills Memorial Park  
Garden of Divinity

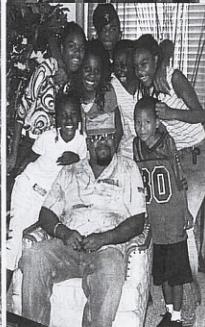
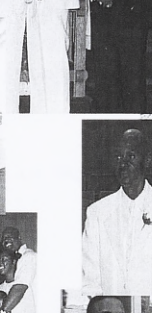
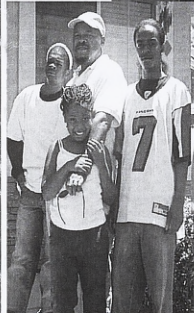
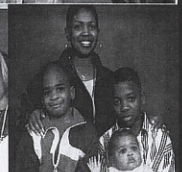
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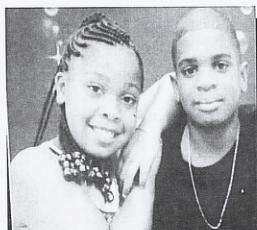
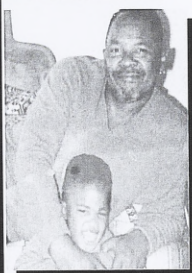


## "Pops"

This letter was written on 6/11/11

Wassup pops I'm writing you first out if everybody while I've been sitting in here you have been on my mind a great deal and I just want to start of saying THANK YOU!!.. Thank you for being pops I couldn't asked for a better father figure in my like the James Bilbo has been to me. You have been there from the starttaking me for walks, to the store giving me the strong legs I've have today; teaching me right from wrong and giving it to me straight. Teaching me stuff that I've use to this day!. I can hear you in my head in certain situations remembering how you told me it wil lcome a time that I will come across battles and how to handle it and what to do. You taught me how to be a man and how to handle myself and get the respect I deserve from people and I appreciate and respect you to the fullest for it. It was something you didn't have to do but you did and I'm grateful of that. I sit back in here and look at alot of dudes in here feel sorry for them because they didn't come up with a father like mine to give them the knowledge like that was instilled in me. I am a ineligent individual and it's not hard to see thatI give alot of that to you and moms on the way you brought me up. Our early age talks I always listen to even when you thought I wasn't. You eventually saw I was just being MOOK; hard headed having to fall and bump my head even when you told me to look out. The main thing is you helped me back up and you picked me up and said "I told you so" and say "I know" and you would dust me right off. Now that I don't expectfor you to help me up the next time that's something I'm gong to have to do on my own on and those are the lessons I feel blessed to have and most of all I'm glad youare in my life to teach me from day one.

Love Always ..... "Moek"



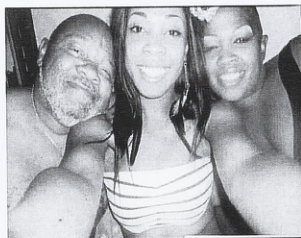
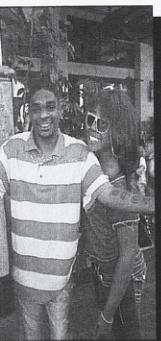
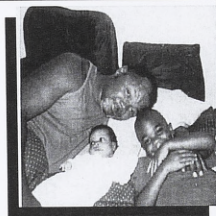


# "My One and Only Best Friend"

It wasn't long ago when I was able to hug you, kiss you and love you. I didn't know it would come this sudden I still can't believe it's true. The day when I can only think of you. I'll miss the feeling of being able to touch you Daddy this does not mean this is the end and you'll always be my #1 Man and though I still hear you say "who do you love" I still say "You" cause I know your smiling from up above.

I love you and can't wait to see you again  
This letters for my only best friend

Love Always ..... "J Baby"





## "My Husband. My Love"

The Bilbo Family Character, Love, Laughter, Excitement and Great Story Tellers. To be around this charismatic family when they get together is like a reunion. Every time they connect picking up where they left off, putting aside any differences if there was one to enjoy the present moment.

They wasted no time in loving on each other and who was ever in their company had the opportunity to be blessed with this family of great energy.

Mike, who was "Pops" to all his children as well as the neighborhood kids. A man with a smile that could light up a room and make you feel that special.

If you needed someone to listen and give an honest opinion without judging...He was the Man. Mike had been a barber since from graduating from high school and made his chair available to everyone. It meant more to him than money. This is where he did his best work of encouragement and mentoring to all who listened. Even when you didn't want the truth, once you sat in the magic chair, you was going to hear it.

This special guy with a big laugh and a gentle spirit...Wow how awesome. A man of many talents: Barbering, A Lover of Animals, Fishing, Awesome Father and a Twenty-Two Year Love Story with his wife Charlotte (Chalee).

This is not a sad ending, but a beautiful beginning. If you knew Mike, you knew his brother, sister, his kids and close friends. These special people will carry his sweet fruit. No sadness but gladness. Mike spent his last earthly hours doing what he loved.... "A Perfect Day..Dinner, a movie, laughs and some more laughs.

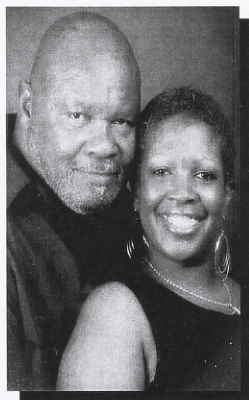
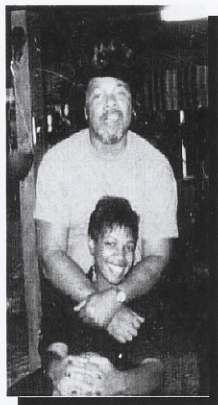
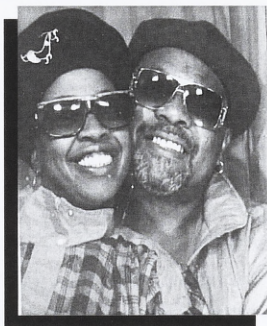
My last words to him were "Babe, You Look Good" and he said "Thanks Girlfriend".

This is a tribute to my husband,

James Michael Bilbo

*Love You Babe.... Chalee*

(The name you gave to me!)







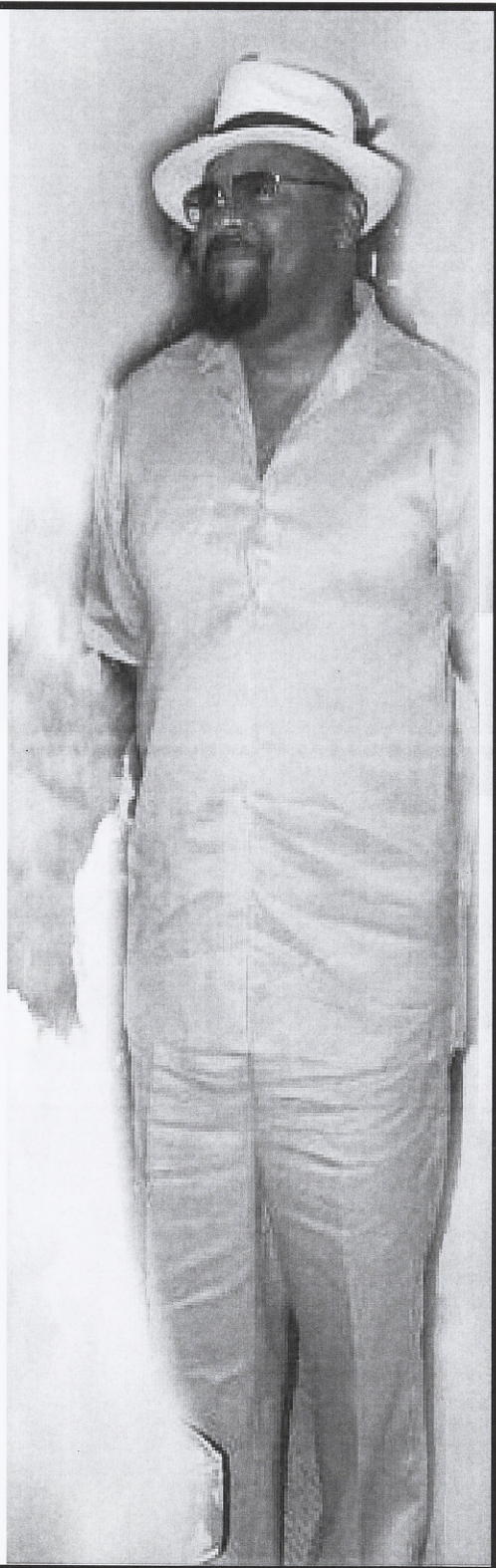


## *From Mike*

*Come on, take the journey you,  
me and all, take the step no  
matter time or distance all  
irrelevant for a broken spirit  
the longest journey is to the  
front door to open it*

*Reach out, give, take,  
challenge the road, the journey  
calls inside out, outside in open  
your soul, your heart let it be  
the bridge to walk your journey*

*Fly with the wings of the  
thought feel with the wisdom of  
yesterday burry the sorrow,  
make place for the new  
rejoice in what will come and  
dare give way, don't let  
nothing frighten you just make  
the journey of the heart.*





# *'Mike the Barber'*



*"May the lives I've touched...  
May the service I gave...  
Speak for Me"*

*Love.... Mike*



# Pallbearers

Alan Bilbo  
Jc Lincoln  
Harold Mathews

James Bilbo, III  
Osbey Mason  
Marshawn Sheperd

## Honorary Pallbearers

Demark Bernstine, Jr.  
James Bilbo, Jr  
Roy Jr Bilbo  
Osbey Mason

Gerald Bilbo  
Javonee Bilbo  
Van Bilbo  
Larry "Bird" Perkins



*The Bilbo Family acknowledges, with sincere appreciation the comforting messages, floral tributes, monetary donations and other expressions of kindness evidence at this time of thought and deed. We ask for your continued prayers and shall rejoice in the morning because our journey still continues.*

*The Bilbo Family*

*Final Arrangements Entrusted To*



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